

Connecting School And Adult Life



Remember, while in school, you may be entitled to:

- Special Education
- Speech and Language Services
- Behavior Management
- Work Training
- Physical Therapy
- Community-Based Instruction
- Occupational Therapy

However, once a student exits school, he is no longer entitled to any of the above services by law! The young person must be deemed eligible for services and funding must be available.

My transition facilitator/case manager is:

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the information which it contains.

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***Guidance for
youth with developmental disabilities,
families, and
professionals who support them***

A Guide to Transitioning

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~ **Apply to the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA).** Ask your child's IEP chairperson for an application, call DDA (410-234-8200) or download an application (<http://dda.dhmh.maryland.gov>). Keep a copy of the application for your files and send the original along with documentation of disability to DDA. The date the application is received could be critical in determining whether your child is eligible for services in the future.

~ **Apply to Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS).** DORS can assist individuals in reaching vocational goals (410-321-2394, www.dors.state.md.us/DORS)

~ **Apply for a housing voucher** when the young adult turns 18. The waiting list is years long so it is important to apply early (410-853-3000, www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/social_services/housingassistance/dsssec8.htm).

~ **Get information about Low Intensity Support Services from.** This is money from DDA that can be used for camp tuition, home modifications and other expenses related to your child's disability. Call DDA (410-234-8200, see web site, above).

~ **Apply for a MD state ID card** from the Motor Vehicle Administration (1-800-950-1682, www.mva.maryland.gov/Driver-Services/Apply/id.htm) when the student

~ **Plan for your child's future now.** Contact the MD Developmental Disabilities Council for a copy of "Planning Now" (410-767-3670, www.md-council.org).

~ **Get information about respite care** so that you can get a break from the demands of parenting. Call Respite Care Services at the Arc Baltimore (410-296-2272, www.thearcbaltimore.org).

~ **Subscribe to "Leisure Resources,"** the newsletter of the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks, Office of Therapeutic Services (410-887-5370, www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/recreation/programdivision/therapeutic/index.html).

~ **Help your son to register** with the Selective Service System when he turns 18. This can be done at the local post office or online at www.sss.gov.

~ **Register to vote!** You can register online (www.elections.state.md.us) or call 1-800-222-8683.

~ **Apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI)** when your child turns 18. At age 18 the young adult will be evaluated on his/her own income and assets, not the family's. More information is available at 1-800-772-1213 and www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi

~ **Ensure continuity of medical care** by planning for the young adult's transfer from the pediatric to the adult medical system.

~ **Apply for all available MD Transportation Authority (MTA)** and local transportation programs for persons with disabilities prior to graduation (410-767-3441, www.mta.maryland.gov/mobility)

~ **Apply for Medical Assistance** when your child turns 18. This is mandatory as part of the eligibility process for DDA-funded adult services. If your child receives SSI, Medical Assistance is provided; however, a separate application for MA must be completed. Call the Department of Social Services at 410-853-3000.

~ **Contact the IMAGE Center** about benefits counseling and programs available for teens and young adults (www.imagemd.org, 410-982-6311).



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